

American Literature
Who Claims Me?
Essay Questions

Directions: Each group member must choose a different one of the following writing assignments concerned with issues raised in Chapter 2: *Who Claims Me?*

1. Write an abolitionist speech that one of the following people might have delivered:
 - a. Elizabeth Freeman (see sidebar, "Revolution Within a Revolution"),
 - b. Lewis Hayden,
 - c. Jermain W. Loguen
 - d. Shadrach Minkins.

2. Using the sidebar "Revolution Within a Revolution" as your case, write a script for "The People's Court." Include testimonies from Mumbett, Col. and Mrs. Ashley, Theodore Sedwick and Lizzie, as well as the questions, comments and decision of the judge.

3. You are a leader of an abolitionist group. You are planning to rescue a fugitive slave who has been captured. Write a paragraph describing the situation and list, in order, the steps you will take to transport the fugitive to freedom.

4. Use the advertisements in this chapter, the sidebar "A Paper Trail" and the "classifieds" section of a newspaper as a model for this assignment. You are a journalist working for the Boston Gazette in 1850 Compose two ads: